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DIARY NOTES

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1. I visited [REDACTED] the construction of which still appeared to be going well. The Public Buildings Service is optimistic that we will finish the construction on schedule. (While there is a lot left to be done, barring some real foul-up, I think that they are correct. The real problem to worry about from now on would seem to me to be the scheduling of the arrival and placement of equipment in the building and the actual transfer of operations to it.) I emphasized to Jim Garrison the necessity of checking and rechecking all aspects of this problem on a daily basis from now until the end of the operation. 

2. I met with Emmett Echols, [REDACTED] to discuss 25X1A9a  
GEHA's proposal to establish a dental insurance plan. We agreed that (a) I should check this out with the General Counsel in order to have some legal advice as to the propriety of CIA subsidizing the salaries of the additional employees necessary to set up the plan, (b) I should then discuss it at an Executive Committee Meeting to try to get policy guidance as to whether we should go into this plan, and (c) the employees should be circularized giving more information about the plan, particularly its cost, before we actually enter into it. 

3. I also discussed with Emmett Echols and [REDACTED] my views 25X1A9a  
about setting up a system in the Office of Personnel which would bring together quickly, when necessary, all of the information in the Agency about an employee or ex-employee. (We are to follow up with a meeting early next week.)

4. I reviewed with Emmett Echols a draft of a proposed letter to Bob Amory about our supergrade study. I suggested some changes, and he is in the process of redrafting it.

5. Emmett has also talked with me about their recommendation that the Office of Personnel come up with a plan for better use and exploitation of former CIA employees. He said that they have simply been too busy with other more important things to get at this, and I agreed to forget about it for about another month.

6. I talked to Jim Garrison about the space for the Automatic Data Processing Staff. I asked Jim to make some arrangement to move them from the vault space they now occupy so that installation of the computer can begin.

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7. [REDACTED] was down to brief me on recent considerable NRO activity under projects [REDACTED]. In this connection, John [REDACTED] was also in to say that, because of the extremely stepped-up activity in OSA, they would like to postpone indefinitely the briefings which had been scheduled for Support Officers on 23 October.

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8. [REDACTED] telephoned to seek my reaction in the [REDACTED] case. John wants to come back on CIA rolls until his job in the Defense Intelligence Agency opens up. I told Ernie that this would seem to be unfair to other employees who have already been terminated under the 701 program. On the other hand, we should try to do as well by John as we did the other employees. In equity, therefore, we might well consider allowing him to withdraw his resignation and be terminated under the Director's special authority. Under these conditions he would be entitled to separation compensation. Emmett Echols was present during my conversation with Ernie and has the benefit of my views.

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